

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 673

To provide for the extension of surcharges on patent fees.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 1997

Mr. COBLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To provide for the extension of surcharges on patent fees.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Patent and Trademark  
5       Office Surcharge Extension Act of 1997”.

6       **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SURCHARGES ON PATENT FEES.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 10101 of the Omnibus  
8       Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (35 U.S.C. 41 note)  
9       is amended—

10               (1) in subsection (a) by striking “, during fiscal  
11       years 1991 through 1998,”;

12               (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
2 by striking “collected by the Patent and Trade-  
3 mark Office”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2)(B) by striking “and”  
5 after the comma at the end;

6 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
7 paragraph (4); and

8 (D) by inserting the following after para-  
9 graph (2):

10 “(3) in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter—

11 “(A) shall be credited to a separate ac-  
12 count established in the Treasury and ascribed  
13 to the Patent and Trademark Office activities  
14 in the Department of Commerce as offsetting  
15 collections, and

16 “(B) shall be collected by, and available  
17 only to, the Patent and Trademark Office, to  
18 the extent provided in appropriations Acts, for  
19 all authorized activities and operations of the  
20 office, including all direct and indirect costs of  
21 services provided by the office, and”; and

22 (3) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) by striking “In fiscal years 1991  
24 through 1998, the” and inserting “The”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (8) by inserting “and  
2 each fiscal year thereafter” after “1998”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1998.

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